

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL OCTOBER 28, 2013 85 N. MARKET ST. 7 PM

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order, present were Atty. Beagle, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Figley, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser. Also present was Village Atty. Shirley Smith, Finance Director Traci Thompson, Village Manager Peter Monteleone and Water/Wastewater Superintendent John Jurjavcic. The minutes from the October 14 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mrs. Wisser. All in favor. There were no agenda items or Clerks Report.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch stated she has been notifying people who are on the boards and commissions to make sure they send letters of interest in by November 15.

MANAGER: Village Manager Monteleone stated council received his written report. He said that last week the Fire Department had training with the new air packs and Mrs. Wisser was there and went through some training with them. The packs have radios and a lot of new technology. These were purchased with a \$100,000.00 grant. He said he asked John Jurjavcic to be here to answer questions on the Harding Well project. Council had previously approved going to bid to replace the well at a cost of around \$70,000.00. Since then Moody & Associates contacted Jurjavcic with the option to refurbish the well. Jurjavcic stated the well had previously been re lined and that they could pull that liner and clean it to get it back but there is no guarantee. The cost is around \$20,400.00 compared to \$70,000.00. Jurjavcic said he felt it is worth trying because you could drill a new well and not get the water that you need. Mr. Figley asked if it didn't work if there would still be some value to it and Jurjavcic said yes, right now they get 250 gallons per minute but he said he needs 420 to 450 gallons per minute. Figley asked then if a new well would have to be drilled and Jurjavcic said yes, that right now they are running on only two wells. Figley asked if the rehab didn't work if they would still get water from it and Jurjavcic said yes. Mr. Cohen asked if Jurjavcic is comfortable with the rehab and Jurjavcic said it is worth a shot, but there is never a guarantee. Mr. Elzer stated that we normally run on three but that right now we are running on two and Jurjavcic said that is correct. Council agreed that the rehab is worth a try. Monteleone said they would proceed with the rehab.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Shirley Smith stated in reference to Ord. 32-2013 Park Fees that there have been corrected since the last meeting and that Council has two options. They can table Ord. 32 and amend agenda to introduce Ord. 33-2013 for a first reading which would be the cleanest way to go or they can amend Ord. 32-2013 to reflect the changes for the second reading.

STREET: Mr. Figley stated we finally have a program for cleaning catch basins on a regular basis and that has been needed for a long time. He also said he received a call from a home owner on W. Main St. about a house in deplorable shape with black mold and a large hole in the back of the house. He asked what we could do about it and they can't find out who owns it. Atty. Smith stated if Mr. Figley got her the address she would track down who owns it. Manager Monteleone said he would like to go look at the house with Mr. Figley this week.

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEMETERY: Mr. Cohen said they had the last Park Board meeting of the season last week. He reminded everyone that there is a Fire Levy that will be on the ballot next week and that we need everyone's support. Mrs. Wisser said that Nate Foster did a fantastic job on the Haunted Trail this year and Mr. Cohen stated he puts forth a fantastic effort every year.

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Elzer stated the town looks great. He said he goes to a lot of development seminars and last week he met a gentlemen named Mitchell Silver, he is the development director for Raleigh NC. He took the U.S. population and divided it up by generations, a problem he found is that the current generation is making goals for the generation behind us and their goals & values are completely different. They have the 5-K race coming up on Thanksgiving and the Chamber in sponsoring a craft show on Nov. 9 at the school.

UTILITY: Mrs. Wisser stated she read an article in the Morning Journal about East Liverpool adopting a “Better Landlord Program”. She said it is guidelines to follow and it is very interesting. The website is “betterlandlord.us”.

FINANCE: Mr. Tyger stated that tonight is the second reading for the Electric Trust fund and that he would appreciate it if it could pass in three readings.

At this point Mayor Zuch gave an explanation of the legislation. Mr. Tyger then stated that after the last meeting Mr. Figley said there should be language to specify payments for connections or selling a lot would go directly to the light fund and he agreed with that. Mr. Cohen asked Finance Director Thompson if there was an ordinance already requiring that and she said yes. Also in reference to Ord. 31-2013 Mr. Cohen would like to amend it to say as long as payments are deferred on that account we should not be permitted to make withdrawals. If you take out a mortgage and don’t make the payments you will not get to borrow more money. Mr. Figley said he agreed with that. Mr. Elzer said he did not, that the Fund is like a rainy day fund, we put money in but having restrictions on how it is taken out is crazy. The money is gone but we keep this fund as both an asset and liability. Mr. Elzer asked what we are saving it for. Mr. Figley said there is no harm in trying to pay it back and we can borrow if need be, it’s like a savings account. Mr. Cohen said it gives us a reason to start making the payments again. Mr. Elzer said if we could put three million dollars back in there it would be three million dollars worth of things the residents could use. Mr. Figley said they could carefully decide with input from the residents what it could be used for. Mr. Cohen made a motion that Ord. 31-2013 be amended with a section 2. to read “ NO WITHDRAWALS OF ANY AMOUNT FOR ANY REASON SHALL BE MADE FROM THE ELECTRIC TRUST FUND FOR ANY YEARS PAYMENTS OWED TO SAID FUND ARE SUSPENDED”, seconded by Atty. Beagle, all in favor.

VISITORS: Chuck McGuire, Pam Figley, John & Bonnie Davis, Jerry Coblentz, Zach Gorby, Jim Williams, John Jurjavcic, Larry & Terri Ward, Chief Kevin Dickey, Kent & Darlene Chapman.

LEGISLATION: Atty. Beagle introduced amended Ord. 31-2013 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance suspending all payments on loans owed to the electric trust fund for a period of two (2) years and repealing legislation in conflict herewith, and as amended.** (The amendment per previous motion). Mr. Cohen made a motion that Ord. 32-2013 be tabled, seconded by Atty. Beagle. All in favor. Atty. Beagle made a motion to amend the agenda to add Ord. 33-2013, seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 33-2013 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance amending codified ordinance section 248.05 parks & recreation as to pool/park rates.**

ADJOURN: Mr. Elzer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Atty. Beagle. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

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